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Corrections News

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Alvarez Chosen as Department November Employee of the Month

Kathy Alvarez has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for November 2007. Alvarez is employed as a Substance Abuse Counselor III at Maryville Treatment Center (MTC). In 2005, the treatment program at MTC was changed from one year to six months. That decision required significant changes to the program. Alvarez was nominated for recognizing the changes that needed to be made to produce positive results and revamping the program with practical solutions.

“As a consensus was reached as to how to implement the necessary changes into the daily schedule for offender treatment, the communication and consultation with Classification and Custody staff has improved,” Corrections Department Director Larry Crawford wrote in a letter to Alvarez. “The necessity for seeing the overall picture and the desire to see the offenders leave the MTC Odyssey Program with the tools to succeed has been evident in your outstanding work.”

Crawford said Alvarez continues to be invaluable in scheduling offenders to treatment, and by helping with changing methods to continually offer safe treatment methods for all offenders.

Alvarez has been employed with the Department of Corrections for two-and-a-half years and lives in Maryville.

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